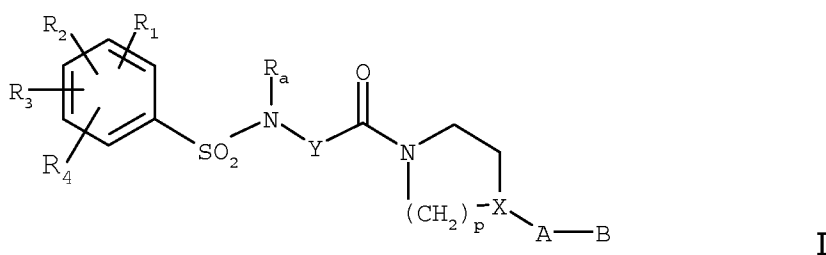


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**ABSTRACT**

The present invention concerns novel benzenesulphonamide compounds, defined by formula I ~~and the description, their method of preparation and their use in therapy.~~



in which R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>4</sub> each independently represent one atom or group of atoms selected from a hydrogen atom, halogens, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl groups, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkoxy groups, CF<sub>3</sub> or OCF<sub>3</sub> groups; R<sub>a</sub> represents a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl group; Y represents a saturated C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>5</sub> alkylene group, optionally interrupted by an oxygen atom, an unsaturated C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkylene group, or a -CH<sub>2</sub>-CO-NH-CH<sub>2</sub>- group; X represents CH or a nitrogen atom; p represents 2 or 3; A represents a single bond, a nitrogen atom optionally substituted with a methyl group, or a straight or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub> alkylene group, optionally hydroxylated or of which one of the carbon atoms is oxidized into a ketone function, provided that A and X together do not represent a nitrogen atom; and B represents a nitrogen-containing heterocycle or an amine group optionally substituted with one or two C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl groups. Therapeutic compositions comprising the benzenesulphonamide compounds of the invention or salts thereof and methods for producing the benzenesulphonamide compounds of the invention are also disclosed. The

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benzenesulphonamide compounds of the invention or salts thereof are useful for treating pain, such as hyperalgesia and major algesia.